

In re Application of:  
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**In the Claims**

Please cancel claim 14 without prejudice.

Please enter rewritten claims 1 and 13 as follows.

1. (Twice Amended) A nucleic acid construct for suppressing gene expression comprising in 5' to 3' orientation:
  - an unmodified 5' stem loop structure;
  - an antisense nucleic acid; and
  - an unmodified 3' stem loop structure, wherein the antisense nucleic acid is flanked by the stem loop structures.
  
13. (Twice Amended) A method for suppression of gene expression in a cell comprising administering to the cell *in vitro* a suppressive-effective amount of the nucleic acid construct of claim 1, whereby expression of the gene is suppressed in the cell.